

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Financial Bills and Private Bills in the Senate—House Opposed to Reduction of Legal Tenders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—A number of private bills were introduced; also a bill by Senator Morrill to facilitate the refunding of the national debt.

On motion of Senator Thurman the Senate resolved that when it adjourns to-day, it will be to meet on Monday.

Senator Carpenter offered a resolution declaring that the resumption of circulation of gold, silver and greenbacks as lawful money, and the expectation that finance would not be disturbed by precipitate legislation had been followed by revived industry and general prosperity, that the successful conduct of business depended upon a stable financial policy, and that, therefore, in the opinion of the Senate any legislation during the present session materially changing the existing system of finance should be inexpedient.

At 12:30 the Senate went into executive session.

At 12:45 the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.

Among the bills and resolutions introduced and referred was one by Mr. Gillett, of Iowa, declaring that Congress is opposed to any reduction in the volume of legal tender notes, but on the contrary in favor of substituting greenbacks for national bank notes, and in favor of free and unrestricted coinage of \$12 gold silver dollars.

Mr. Conner, of South Carolina, introduced a bill to return to the freedmen of the South their savings deposited in the Freedmen's Saving and Trust Company, Referred.

The House then at 12:30 went into committee of the whole for the purpose of distributing the President's message.

Having distributed the President's message among the appropriate committees, the House at 12:55 adjourned until Monday.

The bill introduced to-day by Morrill to facilitate the refunding of the national debt is a duplicate of the Treasury Department bill introduced in the House yesterday.

From the Indian Country.

DENVER, Col. December 4.—A Los Pinos special says that Chief Colorado appeared before the court yesterday and testified he took part in the Thornton fight, corroborating the statement that he and Jack led in the fight. He stated that the fight was an accident, the troops trying to avoid the Utes by taking a by-trail, outside the regular road through Mill. Over the Utes while the Utes were doing the same to avoid the soldiers and were surprised when the commands came up and began to fight. Colorado swore positively that the Mormons promised to assist the Indians in any war with the United States troops. He voluntarily surrenders himself as a prisoner.

The Chilean War.

LONDON, December 4.—A Buenos Ayres dispatch dated December 31, says: "Intelligence has been received here that the allied Peruvians and Bolivians have been completely defeated at Tarapaca, Peru, by the Chileans, who have taken possession of the town. A Chilean squadron is blockading the port of Arica."

LATER.—A dispatch from Valparaiso to the Reuters Telegram Company, says: "Tarapaca has been captured by the Chileans. The losses are heavy on both sides."

Base Ball Notes.

BUTTE, Mont. Dec. 4.—The Board of Directors of the National Base Ball League Association has been re-elected. The championship pennant of 1879 was awarded to the Providence Club. The application of the Cincinnati club was reported unfavorably. The membership of the Syracuse Star Club was declared forfeited for their failure to play out the schedule list of games. The schedule of the game between the Chicago and Cincinnati clubs for August 13th was declared forfeited, by Chicago's placing them in default. The newly-organized Cincinnati Club was admitted to membership.

A Horrid Tale.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 4.—A man named Upton was arrested yesterday in Ansonia, for forcing the death of his infant. According to his wife's story he came home drunk a few nights ago, and quarreling with her, hurled a lighted lamp at her, which fell into the cradle and set fire to the clothing over the child. In an endeavor to extinguish the flames the clothing of the young child was set on fire, and the infant lived a few hours only. Upton and wife have been married two years, and have hitherto lived happily together.

Revenue Raiders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue received a telegram from Collector Clark, of Atlanta, Ga., to-day, stating that deputy collector Wilson and party had seized a distillery with eleven men guarding it, five of whom were armed, and driven away. Mr. Clark also reports that deputy collector Roberts has seized a large distillery in Rockdale county. He destroyed the stills, and removed the stillage.

The Revolver.

ATLANTA, Dec. 4.—George Mansfield was killed at Jonesboro, Ga., last night, by A. M. Walker. They were opposing candidates for lieutenant, and an electioneering. It is stated that Mansfield knocked Walker down and was beating him, when Walker drew his pistol and shot him in the heart, killing him instantly.

Ashe.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 4.—The Norwegian bark *Kilbuck*, Captain Jensen, hence for London, the 2d inst., with a cargo of three thousand five hundred and thirty-eight boxes of rosin, has parted her hawser and gone ashore in the river near Smithville. She will probably have to lighten to get out.

Advance of Wages.

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania, Dec. 4.—Yesterday men numbering six hundred employed in the car shops of the Delaware Lack & Western railroad in Scranton, were notified of an advance of from five to ten per cent in their wages without any request on their part.

Not Pardoned but Commuted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—William Gilman, who was sentenced in 1873 to five years in the State prison for forgery, and whose case attracted so much attention at the time from his social

standing and the confession made by the prisoner, was yesterday released from Sing Sing, Governor Robinson having commuted his sentence from five years to two years, one month and twenty days. A petition, signed by wealthy and influential persons of New York city had been presented to the Governor for Gilman's pardon, which he declined to grant, as well as the later request of Governor Horatio Seymour. Presumably in consequence of Gilman's additional weight of woe in the death of his daughter and wife, he has now consented to this special request for commutation. It is generally supposed that the Governor was actuated to grant the commutation by reading a notice of the death of Mrs. Gilman, so suddenly did the document make its appearance, and with the idea that he should be enabled to attend her funeral.

Miscellaneous Foreign Notes.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Queen yesterday telegraphed to the Emperor of Russia congratulating him on his escape from assassination.

The Times' Berlin correspondent in discussing the recent attempt to assassinate the Emperor of Russia, says the outrage of Monday night, committed only a day or two after the Czar, in the opinion of the Emperor, is a mark of death passed on Nihilist Mieriski, cannot fail to make the government regret its ill-considered leniency, and in consequence is determined to have further pity on those who are themselves incapable of compassion.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

A painter, John Eisman, fell from the fifth story scaffold of a building in Buffalo Wednesday, breaking his neck.

At Woonsocket, R. I., Wednesday, Mrs. Woonsocket, distressed at the death of her child, cut her throat and will probably die.

The trial of Major Reno, United States Army, for drunkenness and misconduct preceding an officer, is now in progress before a court-martial at Fort Meade, Dakota.

George Cooper, an old citizen of Tallahassee, Fla., was found dead in his bed last Sunday morning. Saturday night he was up and in good health.

The clerk's room at the White House has been closed to newspaper men. The premature publication of the President's message is the cause of this.

Eliza Pinkston, the colored woman who was arrested in Louisiana on suspicion of poisoning her husband, has been acquitted, after the body of the dead man had been dissected and the stomach analyzed.

The schooner Mary Anderson, of Philadelphia, from Baltimore, S. C., to Baltimore, has been wrecked two miles east of life-saving station No. 19, N. C. The vessel is a total loss. Capt. S. C. The vessel is a total loss. Three of the crew saved.

Mrs. Lincoln writes that she expects to be at Washington the coming winter. She stated that her son, Robert, now in Chicago, will not permit it on account of the shock it would be to her mental health, which is still none of the best.

Miss Elizabeth Peabody, the chief promoter of kindergartens in this country, recently suffered severe spinal injuries by a fall down stairs, and now lies dangerously ill at her brother's house in Concord, Mass.

Four head of imported English Hereford cattle were quarantined at East Washington Wednesday night, in accordance with the late order of the Treasury Department restricting the importation of cattle from the Dominion of Canada after the 1st of December.

General Thomas' widow, who lives in Albany, New York, refused to go to Washington to see the statue erected to the late General. She intends to go quietly this winter and see the statue.

Francis E. Hayden is on trial before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Worcester, for the murder of his sister, Sarah E. Hayden. He is a medical student of Fitchburg, and was arrested some months ago, on the charge of murdering his sister. The family to secure possession of a small fortune.

The farm buildings of Robert MacDonald, near Montreal, and the whole of the place, including much antique furniture and other articles of value, were burned Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, and the fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Bud Wood and Will Currie quarreled at a dance near Waco, Texas, on Monday night, and fought a duel outside with pistols, about a dozen shots being exchanged and both men being wounded. Wood shot Currie in the chest, and attempted to shoot Miss Grace Stanford. Albert Chech interfered, and Wood shot him dead, making his escape.

The dwelling-house of Colonel William Barbour, an old colonial home, was burned in Stafford county, Va., last night. The house was a fine one, and contained much antique furniture and other articles of value. Colonel Barbour, now in his ninetieth year, saved himself by jumping from the burning building.

A New York confectioneer has just forwarded to Madrid, Spain, a box of choice lard, and another lot of choice lard, which have been ordered for the special use of the household of the Spanish monarch. With one hundred pounds of carmelles Alfonso ordered to be got through the coming holidays comfortably.

A movement to present a purse of \$20,000 to General Grant is reported by the Cincinnati *Commercial*. It is added that it is to be the gift of divers gentlemen in the East, who, placing a high estimate on the public services of the General, wish to make his old age comfortable, and relieve him from the necessity of accepting a professional post for support.

The Latest Snake Story.

Wilmington Review.

A Pender county man, one whose word may be relied on, tells us of a curious circumstance of which he was an eye-witness. The circumstance is that the premises of Mrs. Ann Howard, on top-sail Sound, which had been sick and worthless for more than a year, caused it, by snakes biting her, and bitten six times, and twice by rattlesnakes, and twice by moccasins. Our informant, having heard all this, sent a snake-eater, to the river of the dog which had been bitten, had long had his eye on this old dog, determined to verify the story as soon as he died. On Tuesday last week the old dog died and was cut open, and sure enough there were found six snakes hanging with their mouths in the dog's throat. Four of these were rattlesnakes, and the other two were moccasins, as was easily distinguished. One of the former was about eighteen inches long, and rattles were beginning to form on its tail. We tell the story just as it was told us.

Patience and gentleness are useful and powerful, but they cannot cure a cough, which however Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will always do.

STOLEN DOCUMENTS.

FACTS AND CONJECTURES ABOUT THE THEFT.

The Principal Newspaper Man in the Scheme for Securing the Papers for Publication in Advance.

Philadelphia Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—It appears now to be pretty well understood among newspaper correspondents here that the party mainly instrumental in securing the report of the Secretary of the Treasury as set forth in the message from the Government Printing Office was T. D. Crawford, correspondent of the Chicago *Times*. The story is that he bargained with an employee of the printing office for proofs of the documents, and then made an arrangement with several newspapers to receive them and divide the expense.

With regard to the Secretary's report, it should be stated that it was bought by the correspondents of the New York *Tribune*, Cincinnati *Enquirer* and Chicago *Times*, but was nevertheless telegraphed from the New York *Tribune* office to the Cincinnati *Gazette*, Chicago *Tribune* and Boston *Advertiser*.

The same thief who stole a copy of the Secretary of the Treasury's report also secured a copy of the President's message, and the latter document was sold on Saturday evening to the correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, Cincinnati *Enquirer* and Chicago *Times*, for \$500 each. Every precaution was taken not to let the fact become known that the document was being telegraphed from here, and in order to doubly insure the purchasers against the possibility of a leak, a strict watch was maintained on the operating room of the telegraph office and the movements of the employees.

Some of the papers in the bargain were disposed of on Saturday. The *Times* to Crawford was instructed by the *Times* to go ahead, if that paper had to assume all the expense itself. Crawford is said to have paid \$1,000 for the message. It was telegraphed so as to close about four o'clock in the morning, when the Chicago *Tribune* got wind of it, and immediately telegraphed to New York, with the message in it, was obtained. The work of telegraphing it from New York to the *Tribune* commenced at 4 o'clock in the morning. Ten wires were used, and the *Tribune* was enabled to appear with the message in a late edition of that paper yesterday morning. The entire work of making arrangements, telegraphing and setting up, took about two hours, and was accomplished in less than four hours.

This will unquestionably be the last time that the President's message will be telegraphed to the public, as the President has determined that his next message shall not be printed until after it shall have been read by the public. President Grant adopted this plan, and never permitted his messages to be printed before the assembling of Congress. He has since followed this premature publication of Executive Messages as was the case during President Johnson's term.

STATE NEWS.

(Correspondence under this head is furnished by regular contributors to the News.)

HARRIS.

HARRIS, Dec. 3.—Since my last the weather here has been very cold, the snow has melted, leaving the ground in splendid order for late sowing of oats, wheat, etc., the ground being in better order than it has for a number of years for sowing small grain.

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who have so woefully misrepresented the best interests of the whole people. Set the matter right inside the party. Smother not an open and fair discussion, and all will be well.

LATE STATE NOTES.

Education.

Holly timber is constantly being shipped by parties from our wharves. Glad to see it, and trust that more may derive profit from the same source.

That expert Nimrod of our town, D. M. Lee, has been amusing himself of late by killing bears. Last week he brought one in on Friday, and was of the opinion that he had mortally wounded another. On Sunday the supposed dead one was found, and brought to town, making two killed in one day. Good work, to say the least of it.

Asheboro Courier.

We learn that Allen Frazier, a very prominent citizen residing near Trinity College died last week.

George Stanton, of New Market Township, took from one bee hive last week forty pounds of pure honey.

We are shown a book by the Hon. M. R. R. of three Spanish coins each over one hundred and fifty years old, the oldest dated 1708.

The Hoover Hill Mining Tract is to be sold at auction by the sheriff of the county house door. It contains gold enough to make a fortune for the purchaser and ought to bring a big price.

A Methodist preacher last week made a sermon on the number of chickens destroyed by the members of the North Carolina Conference in one year. He made it fifty-eight thousand four hundred, which at fifteen cents each would bring \$8,700—enough to pay off the entire indebtedness of Trinity College and the Southern College in two years if they would devote themselves to the study of the feathered tribe.

Mr. Thomas C. Dixon, of Chatham county, has a chair one hundred and twenty years old, which he has just sold for \$100. It was made by the following inscription on the back, to-wit: "Brought from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, by Lord Cornwallis, March, 1781, on his retreat from the battle of Guilford. Owned by Thomas C. Dixon, 1871."

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Late Wednesday afternoon we noticed a wagon drive into town with "N. C. or Bust" written in large letters on the side. It was a very old

